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XXX – by E mail

Date: 2nd March 2021

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2021 / 186

Reply contact name is: Nick Penny

Dear XXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 1st March 2021 concerning Hate Crimes recorded by Wiltshire Police.

I am required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to handle all requests in a manner that is blind as to the identity and motives of the requestor. Any information released as a response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore in the public domain without caveat.

Your request for information has now been considered and – having consulted our Business Performance Team - I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

I would like to request data on hate crime incidents reported 1/1/2018 through 31/12/2020.

If possible, I would like a list of the incidents with the following information:

- bias type/s (race, religion, sexual orientation, etc.)
- date of incident (alternatively: date reported)
- ethnicity of victim (self-reported by victim and perceived by police officer)
- crime type (aggravated assault, public alarm, fear, distress, etc.)
- ethnicity of attacker
- location

Please do not provide an aggregate count for these crimes but a list of individual incidents and their characteristics. What is most important are the first three characteristics listed above

Our response:

Please refer to the attached spreadsheet which should provide you with the information you require.



Please Note

It is not a mandatory requirement for either the Victim or Offender involved in a Crime to provide their Self-Defined Race (often one or other party choose not to provide it).

It is also not a mandatory field to be completed when the details of a crime are recorded on our system(s).

In many circumstances (and in particular with Hate Crimes) there is no Offender identified and as a consequence there will be no Self-Defined Race defines either.

Where the Self-Defined Race is either not provided, not known or not recorded this will be shown on the attached spreadsheet as either "Null", "Not Stated" or "-".

I am satisfied that all the relevant information has been passed to me and been considered in the light of your request within the time constraints applicable under the legislation.

Wiltshire Police would like to thank you for the interest that you have shown in the Force.

Yours sincerely,

Nick Penny
Disclosure Decision Maker

Wiltshire Police offers a re-examination of your case under its review procedure.



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Freedom of Information Request Appeals Procedure

1. Who Can Ask for a Review

Any person who has requested information from Wiltshire Police, which has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act, is entitled to complain and request an internal review, if they are dissatisfied with the response they received.

2. How to Request a Review

Requests for review of a Freedom of Information request must be made in writing to the:

Force Disclosure Unit
Wiltshire Police Headquarters,
London Road, Devizes,
Wiltshire,
SN10 2DN

Email at disclosure@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk.

The reference number, date of the request and details of why the review is being requested must be included. Requests for review should be brought to the attention of the Force Disclosure Unit within 20 working days of the Force's response to the original FoI request.

3. Review Procedure

Receipt of a request for review will be acknowledged in writing to include confirmation of the reasons for the review. The review will be conducted by another Decision Maker, who is independent from the original Decision Maker. The Force Disclosure Unit will set a target date for a response. The response will be made as soon as is practicable with the intention to complete the review within twenty working days. In more complex cases the review may take up to 40 working days.

The Independent Decision Maker will conduct a review of the handling of the request for information and of decisions taken, including decisions taken about where the public interest lies in respect of exempt information where applicable. The review enables a re-evaluation of the case, taking into account the matters raised by the complaint.

4. Conclusion of the Appeal

On completion of the review the Independent Decision Maker will reply to the complainant with the result of the review. If the complainant is still dissatisfied following the review they should contact the Information Commissioner to make an appeal. The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the following details:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Tel: 01625 545 700
Fax: 01625 524 510
Email: mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk